

Home Reading Program Outline 2010-2011

Mrs. Carter - Grade 5/6 English

Purpose

Studies show that reading is one of the most important factors of academic success. **The more you read, the more you learn.** You will be asked to read throughout the week and record your own personal reading list in your Reading Log. You will be provided with time in class for reading, but you will be expected to spend time at home in the evenings and weekends.

Reading List

You are asked to choose an appropriate item to read. You may choose novels, poetry, magazines, newspapers, comics, non-fiction books or even recipe books if you wish. The important part is that you are reading and enjoying this experience. As the year progresses you will read a wide variety of genres.

Home Reading Log

Each time you read during the evening or on the weekend, you need to record the amount of time that you spent reading. You are also asked to record the name of the piece that you are reading, as well as the genre. Be sure to have your parents sign your Home Reading Log to verify your reading time. I will be looking for at least **70 minutes of reading at HOME every week**. Your logs will be checked by me every **Monday**, and recorded in my records. If you are not keeping up with your reading, your parents will be notified.

Class Reading Time

You will be given time in class for silent reading. You must come prepared to read. You may choose to read books from home, the public library, our class library, or the school library. Every student will be expected to read at these times. This will not be time granted to finish homework. Please discuss with your parents the possible ways you can find books that match your interest.

Bulk Reading Projects or Book Reports

Approximately **four times** throughout the year you will be expected to complete a book report/project. You will be free to choose your own assignment from the provided list, choosing a different selection each time. If there is a project you would like to do, but you do not see it in the list, feel free to discuss this with me prior to beginning the assignment. Please write the assignment number on each assignment before you hand it in. Advance notice will be given so that all students will be aware of appropriate deadlines. A general Book Report Rubric is provided for you so that you are aware of all expectations. It is your responsibility as a student to seek clarification of topic selections prior to the due date of your project.

Bulk Reading Bingo

As a reward for reading a wide variety of genres, you will be able to play Bulk Reading Bingo. Each time you read a different genre, you will be able to cross off that genre on your Bingo Sheet. When you have five spaces in a row crossed out, you may pick a prize from the prize box. These prizes can be redeemed at any time, and there are a wide variety of prizes to choose from.

Good luck and enjoy! Pick up a book today and start reading!



Date: _____ Name: _____

Circle the number that most closely corresponds to your own experiences and feelings. Your answers will not be formally marked. They will be used to help plan a program to meet your needs.

	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Always</u>
1. I consider myself a reader.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I enjoy reading at school.	1	2	3	4	5
3. I read outside of school in my spare time.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I'd rather read fiction than non-fiction.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I read the newspaper.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I enjoy reading magazine articles.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I use the public library.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I am a good reader.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I like reading about different topics.	1	2	3	4	5
10. I'd rather see the movie than read the book.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I'd rather have the teacher read to me than read to myself.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I have trouble understanding what I read.	1	2	3	4	5
13. If I start a book, I usually finish it.	1	2	3	4	5
14. I like reading with a partner.	1	2	3	4	5
15. I read slowly and need lots of time to finish.	1	2	3	4	5
16. When I come to a word I don't understand, I get frustrated.	1	2	3	4	5
17. If I have to read for long periods of time, I get bored.	1	2	3	4	5
18. I have a collection of books at home.	1	2	3	4	5

What kinds of books do you enjoy reading? Many different kinds of books are listed below.

5 → Very Interested

3 → It's OK

0 → Not Interested

Humour		Art	
Mystery		Games	
Sports		Friendship	
Newspaper		Comics	
Cars		Supernatural	
Animals		Computers	
Adventure		Poetry	
On-line Readings		Mathematics	
Science		Science Fiction	
Music		Recipes	

Genres

Fiction

Realistic Fiction
Historical Fiction
Science Fiction
Fantasy
Fairytale
Mystery

Non-Fiction

Biography
Autobiography
Information
Newspaper
Reference
Recipes
Technology
How -to-Books

Play

Stories for the Stage

Poetry

Words arranged in pattern

Folk Tale

Stories originally told rather than written

Some stories or books can fit into any genre of literature.

Examples: animals, cultures, adventure, sports, humour.

Student Name: _____

Home Reading Log

Date	Name of Book	Genre	Time Spent Reading	Parent Signature
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Bulk Reading Bingo!

When any five spaces in a row have been completed, you will receive a prize from the prize box. Simply write the title of the book in the genre box that your book belongs to.

Autobiography	Legend	Non-Fiction Animals	Book of Poetry	Fiction
Adventure	History	Newspaper	Sports	Mystery
Non-Fiction	Romance	Your Choice	Fantasy	How To
Fiction	Cartoons	Folk/Fairy Tales	Health	Magazines
Non-Fiction	Realistic Fiction	Biography	Science Fiction	Humour